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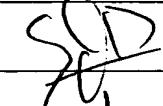
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	<b>DOCUMENT (Including Author, Title, Source, and Pertinent Pages)</b>	<b>DATE</b>
N	Patent Pending Application entitled, "System and Method for Routing a Trading Order According to Price," by Thomas J. Daley et al., attorney docket no. 069547.0173, 72 pages including drawings	filng date January 29, 2004
O	Patent Pending Application entitled, "System and Method for Controlling the Disclosure of a Trading Order," by Thomas J. Daley et al., attorney docket no. 069547.0174, 66 pages including drawings	filng date January 29, 2004
P	Patent Pending Application entitled, "System and Method for Avoiding Transaction Costs Associated with Trading Orders," by Thomas J. Daley et al., attorney docket no. 069547.0175, 65 pages including drawings	filng date January 29, 2004
Q	Patent Pending Application entitled, "System and Method for Matching Trading Orders," by Thomas J. Daley et al., attorney docket no. 069547.0176, 74 pages including drawings	filng date January 29, 2004
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